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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CHUN DOO-HWAN ON THE MAYUMI HACHIYA CASE

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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. PRESIDENT CHUN DOO-HWAN AND I MET ON JANUARY 14 AND I RAISED THE MAYUMI HACHIYA CASE WITH HIM. I FIRST EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR RECEIVING THE FULL REPORT IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW. I HAD REVIEWED A TRANSLATION OF
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THE DOCUMENTED CASE AND IT APPEARED TO BE A VERY CAREFULLY DEVELOPED STUDY. CHUN SAID THAT OUR COOPERATION WITH THE KOREAN AUTHORITIES HAD MADE BREAKING THE CASE POSSIBLE AND HE WANTED TO THANK ME FOR OUR EXCELLENT SUPPORT. CHUN SAID ALSO THAT HE WANTED TO DISCUSS FULLY WITH US DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS THAT WE COULD TAKE TOGETHER.

3. CHUN SAID HE GAVE FULL CREDIT TO THE KOREAN INVESTIGATORS IN THIS CASE. THEY HAD PREVENTED THE WOMAN FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE AND THEY HAD GOTTEN HER TO CONFESS WITHOUT PRESSURE TECHNIQUES -- PRESSURE WOULD NOT HAVE WORKED, HE SAID. CHUN

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SAID THE INVESTIGATORS HAD BEEN RESOURCEFUL; THEY HAD BOUGHT HER NEW DRESSES, TAKEN HER TO THE ROOF OF THE 63 STOREY DLI BUILDING, AND HAD IMPRESSED HER WITH THE NEW SOUTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT NOTIFYING MOSCOW AND BEIJING IN ADVANCE WAS CRUCIAL BECAUSE THESE TWO COUNTRIES COULD TELL NORTH KOREA NOT TO DO IT AGAIN.

4. I SAID MY CONCERNS IN THIS MATTER WERE ALSO TO STOP NORTH KOREA FROM EVER DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN. I NOTED THAT PRESIDENT CHUN HAD TOLD CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ THAT HE RULED OUT MILITARY RETALIATION; DID HE STILL FEEL THIS WAY AFTER REVIEWING THE CONFESSION?

5. CHUN SAID THAT IN DEALING WITH KIM IL-SUNG AND KIM JONG-IL, HIS SON, WE WERE DEALING WITH A MENTALITY THAT WAS BOTH SICK AND INCORRIGIBLE. MILITARY RETRIBUTION WAS A LEGITIMATE OPTION -- ISRAEL WOULD HAVE ALREADY CARRIED IT OUT. HE SAID THAT THE AMERICAN AIR ACTION AGAINST LIBYA HAD SERVED AS A WARNING TO NORTH KOREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID IN THE CASE OF THE NORTH KOREAN AX MURDERS AT THE DMZ OF UNIFORMED AMERICANS, THE U.S. DID LITTLE AND THE NORTH KOREANS WERE EMBOLDENED. CHUN WENT ON THAT HE WOULD RULE OUT MILITARY RETALIATION AT THIS
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TIME. HE SAID THAT SOUTH KOREA WAS IN THE COURSE OF A POLITICAL TRANSITION AND HAD TO HOST THE OLYMPICS. ALTHOUGH JUSTIFIED THIS WAS NOT THE TIME FOR MILITARY ACTION. THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE UNTIL AFTER THE OLYMPICS.

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I DID CORRECT CHUN ON THE AX MURDERS -- I SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD BROUGHT TO BEAR A HUGE FORCE ON THE DMZ, INCLUDING B-52S, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO ELIMINATE THE TREE UNDER THE EYES OF THE NORTH KOREANS. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS IT FRIGHTENED THE HELL OUT OF THEM.

7. COMMENT: CHUN'S COMMENTS CONFIRMED WHAT WE HAVE HEARD ALREADY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND FROM THE DEFENSE MINISTER. THERE ARE KOREANS WHO FAVOR MILITARY RETALIATION BUT AS OF THIS TIME THEY ARE NOT PREVAILING. CHUN SEEMED QUITE EMPHATIC THAT KOREA WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY MILITARY ACTION IN THE SHORT TERM. UNTIL WE RECEIVE EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, WE CAN PRESUME THIS WILL BE THE KOREAN POSITION.

8. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LILLEY ##

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